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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on July 27, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Supplementary European Search Report dated March 26, 2009 that issued with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04792939.3, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) WO 03/073753 A, along with English language family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0244037;
- (2) US Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0053142, along with English language family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0025112;
and
- (3) US 2003/0152107.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Supplementary European Search Report.

Applicants note that above-noted International document (1) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 27, 2006, and thus, a copy of document (1) is not provided herewith.

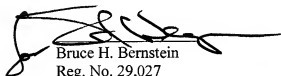
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted documents, with the exception of International document (1), are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each new item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement (i.e., above-noted documents (2) and (3), along with the English language family member of International document (1)) was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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